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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5392**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Police, in consultation with the Connecticut Pharmacists Association and Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, to develop and implement a program to collect and dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals (medication). The program must provide for (1) a secure locked box accessible to the public 24 hours a day to drop off unwanted medication anonymously at all local police stations and State Police barracks and (2) transporting the medication to a biomedical waste treatment facility for incineration.

The bill requires the State Police, within available appropriations, to organize a public awareness campaign to educate the public about the program and the dangers of unsafe medication disposal.

It also allows the emergency services and public protection commissioner to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Medication Drop Box Programs***

According to the Department of Consumer Protection, 36 municipalities participate, or will soon participate, in a voluntary medication drop-off program operating statewide.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea     24     Nay   0     (03/13/2014)